

## SPECIAL INTEREST ARTICLES:

- ❖ CHAPTER VISIT TO MALLACOOTA.
- ❖ GUIDES IN LIGHTHOUSE & MORSE CODE DEMOS WEDNESDAY MORNINGS 10AM ONWARD THROUGHOUT SCHOOL HOLIDAYS.
- ❖ MUSEUM OPEN HOURS EXTENDED FROM BOXING DAY TO LAST WEEKEND IN JANUARY CHECK BACK PAGE
- ❖ TWO "TROPHIES" RETURNED TO EDEN

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## VALE MARNIE HALL LIFE MEMBER

The death of Margaret (Marnie) Hall occurred on 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2007.

A professional musician in her earlier years Marnie learned to play many instruments prior to conducting an orchestra. Her knowledge of music was broad and she acquired the amazing skill of writing music for pieces she had heard only a few times.

After she and husband Norm came to Eden they joined the membership of the museum.

"Marnie" had been our Honorary Archivist following the first extension to the museum building, which provided an archive room devoted to storage of documents. She dedicated her time then to organising the paper based material in the collection while her husband Norm restored some of the household items. Marnie set up a card based file for family history enquiries, which gave many cross references to related families of the district. This work did enable her to become familiar with some of the pioneering family connections and her research

helped many enquirers to gain quite comprehensive genealogical information. Some of this reference material is still in use in our library and archive today.

Somewhat reluctantly she accepted nomination and election to the presidency in and Marnie was awarded Life Membership together with J.A.S. (Alex) McKenzie for their dedicated work.

She drove a distinctive white mini minor and had a magnetic sign made of the museum's letterhead logo which she displayed on the drivers door to promote the museum, such was her enthusiasm for the organisation.

Marnie was of the "old school" and vowed that when the first computer came into our museum that she would be leaving!

She and husband Norm moved to Melbourne in 1992 to be closer to family and medical facilities, but Eden remained in her heart and she enjoyed a few return trips over the ensuing years; the last one was in the year 2000 at Whale Festival time.



MARNIE HALL WORKING IN THE ARCHIVE/STORAGE AREA (NOTE THE TYPEWRITER) AT EDEN KILLER WHALE MUSEUM CIRCA 1992.

A memorial service was held at St Patricks Church Mentone VIC on 30<sup>th</sup> October 2007 where Eden Killer Whale Museum was represented by member Rob Whiter.

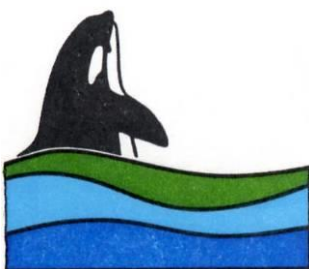
Her husband Norm predeceased her and Marnie is survived by 2 sons and 2 daughters (Jim, Elizabeth, Stephen and Dianne) who have indicated that they would like to conduct a memorial service for Marnie in Eden during 2008.



## Christmas Wishes



A Happy, Safe and Merry Christmas is wished for all. We thank all members and staff for their wonderful efforts throughout the year and hope all have a restful time during the festive season. It's our museum's busiest time of course; Touring exhibition Cook's Sites is in situ, galleries are ready for the many visitors we will host. Guides and Morse-codian are rostered for duty and the shop is stocked with a huge range of books and souvenirs for our holiday makers. Friends are distributing brochures to promote the museum to those who may not yet know of it or those who look forward to revisiting. Lets hope the weather is conducive to an enjoyable holiday for all.



## CHAPTER MEETING IN MALLACOOTA A FIRST



**Above Right.** Chapter members alighting from ferry Loch Ard at Spotted Dog Mine Mallacoota Lakes and **Left.** In the Bunker Museum, Mallacoota Airfield.

.... President from Bega Pioneer Museum, Warren Davis, handed over to Eden Museum members the silver cup..

The South East Chapter of Museums Australia met in Mallacoota for the first time on 17<sup>th</sup> November '07. Visits had been made to this area before but this was the first time the meeting had actually been held there.

On a very warm Saturday we were treated to a welcome morning tea on arrival and then taken to the World War 2 bunker, out by the airfield, which is the site of their museum. Historical Society member Lindsay Carter was on duty there to welcome us. Everyone had a good opportunity to inspect the bunker which is a shared facility. Some considerable maintenance work has been done on the interior of the building to improve the atmosphere for their collection.

The contents of the bunker includes military memorabilia which the RSL branch have collected and then the Historical Society's collection comprised of items photographs etc. depicting highlights of the history of Mallacoota including such topics as Gabo Island, fishing and abalone industries pioneering families and of course the airfield and wartime.

The meeting was held back at the MIVA MIVA Centre after lunch and each member group of the chapter gave their reports.

President from Bega Pioneer Museum, Warren Davis, handed over to Eden Museum members the silver cup recently deaccessioned from their collection. This cup is engraved as follows:

AUSTRALIA'S  
150<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
EDEN  
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an indication of the celebrations held Nation wide, 150 years after European settlement of Australia.

Those who stayed overnight were given a guided walk along the waterfront later in the day and enjoyed a 3 hour cruise on the lake the next morning with a guided tour to the Spotted Dog Gold Mine or an historic cemetery from a quiet corner of the lake, where our "ferry" MV Loch Ard stopped over for cuppa time.

Members are grateful to Mallacoota H/S for their wonderful hospitality (lovely to see Mollie Corthorn at 90 still being involved)

## LIGHTHOUSE GUIDES DURING HOLIDAY SEASON

After a meeting of the museum guides in November several guides have offered their time to maintain lighthouse guiding on Wednesdays from 10am to 12md, starting on Boxing Day and continuing until the

end of the school holidays This will be a first for EKWM and pamphlets are being produced to promote this together with Phil's Morse Code demonstrations. We will see if the visitation is affected positively and if

so depending on availability of guides we may be able to extend the effort to other times/ other holidays/ other days of the week. This is a good start and we hope promotion will bring good results in visitation.

## MORSECODIAN ACTIVITIES. DECEMBER 2007

It is very encouraging to be now well and truly settled into the new operating position. It is a credit to Wally and Stephanie and particularly Jody, for creating such a wonderful exhibit, which is receiving good response from our visitors.

The acquisition of, some additional artifacts, have greatly enhanced the display and we acknowledge the assistance of the Telstra Museum at Bankstown and the Bendigo Morsecodians. We appreciate their continued support.

Visitor response has been good, with a lot of interest being shown both in the

static and active displays, by young and old alike.

Traffic figures are encouraging, with over 500 messages handled during the period July to November.

The Eden Whale Festival attracted good crowds, at the wharf area, however, the wet weather and some setting up problems limited our exposure to traffic flow. We did however connect with the Jacaranda Festival at Grafton and exchanged a total of 88 messages during the period prior to the complete "washout" on Sunday.

With Tom Collins, from Sydney, who came down to

assist, we did however enjoy our involvement with the Festival and I thank Tom for his support.

A special thanks must go to Adrian Sandrey, who provided free accommodation for Tom for five nights at the great Southern Inn.

**PHIL MCGRATH  
RESIDENT  
MORSECODIAN.**

## COOK'S SITES WITH US OVER CHRISTMAS

Make sure you get to see our latest touring exhibition "Cook's Sites" touring from the Historic Houses Trust. This exhibition will be at EKWM until February 2008 and is quite different from anything we have seen.

Collection Manager Jody White and Exhibition Director Stephanie Rawlings with the assistance of Wally Rawlings have done a mighty job mounting this extensive exhibition

Cook's Sites documents the places Cook came from that shaped his own life and that of the British 18th century maritime world. It also takes us on a tour of Cook's 'discoveries', from the



landing site at Kurnell on the south shore of Botany Bay to the sites of Cook's encounters with Polynesian peoples in Tahiti, Hawaii, and New Zealand. Some places have been transformed by tourism and development, others have scarcely changed since Cook's visits.

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## CALANDER OF EVENTS

Touring Exhibition  
"Cook's Sites"  
5th December '07  
to late Feb '08

25<sup>th</sup> December  
Christmas Day  
Museum Closed

NSW& VIC School Hols.  
Start 22<sup>nd</sup> December '07  
Finish 28<sup>th</sup> January '08

EKWM Extended Hours  
27<sup>th</sup> Dec to 26<sup>th</sup> January  
9:15 to 4:45 7 days

Annual Get Together  
Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> January '08  
Cocora Beach 4pm

Chapter Meeting  
Hosted by Bombala  
at Cathcart  
16<sup>th</sup> February '08

History Week 2008  
Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> April  
Walk from "Dalkeith" Bass St.  
to Museum

## TWO TROPHIES RETURNED TO EDEN

Two significant "cups" have been accessioned into the Eden Killer Whale Museum's collection recently. One from the Bega Museum's collection, is the Eden community's recognition of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of European settlement of Australia. As mentioned earlier in this issue. The other (pictured) is more ornate and engraved with text showing that the first Harbour Master for Twofold Bay had won with his vessel 'Torpedo'

*"Eden regatta 1st Jan 1891 presented by O Walford esq jp for all sailing dingies 16 ft and under won by Captain Russell's 'Torpedo'"*

Research by collection Manager Jody White found news articles relating to the regatta proving the relevance of this item for the collection and it was purchased from Barry Haug who had acquired it from a private sale.



## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY AILEEN AND JOHN

Museum stalwarts Aileen and John Bowles celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary recently with friends and neighbours at the Twofold Beach Resort before heading to Melbourne to join their family for more celebrations and catch up before Christmas.

## ANNUAL GET TOGETHER AFTER THE CHRISTMAS RUSH!!

We're all getting a bit older and slower but none as quickly as y. t. I feel!! By the time I had raised the matter of our annual party it was getting too late to fit it into our busy schedules before

Christmas. The suggestion to have the BBQ on the third Sunday in January was very well received as the "silly" season will almost be behind us by then and we can relax over a few yummy treats and

some quiet drinks at the beach. Who knows the water may even be warm enough for a dip! Don't forget to bring plate cup and cutlery and a chair of some sort if required.

These two have started without us!!



## EDEN KILLER WHALE MUSEUM

### SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

Monthly Business Meeting	7:30pm	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday each month	Museum Theatre
Curatorial Meeting	1:00pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Monday each month	Museum Library
Museum Friends Meeting	9:00am	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday (commence 2008)	Museum Library